

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A chucking mechanism of a center core in a disk cartridge to receive a drive spindle, comprising:

a disk, operable to serve as a recording medium;

a housing of the disk cartridge rotatably housing the disk; and

~~the center core, being fixed to the center of a~~the ~~disk, which serves as a recording medium and is rotatably housed in a housing of the disk cartridge, which~~

wherein the center core is of the type that is employed in a disk drive provided with the drive spindle, and

wherein the center core is positioned on the drive spindle upon chucking in a state where the center core is in point contact with the drive spindle at a minimum of three spots.

2. (original): The chucking mechanism of a center core according to claim 1, wherein a minimum of three protrusions are provided on a bottom surface of the center core, and lower ends of the protrusions are in point contact with an upper surface of the drive spindle.

3. (new): The chucking mechanism of a center core according to claim 1, further comprising a minimum of three protrusions provided on the drive spindle.

4. (new): The chucking mechanism of a center core according to claim 2, further comprising dents formed on an upper surface of the drive spindle to receive the minimum of three protrusions.

5. (new): A chucking mechanism of a center core in a disk cartridge to receive a drive spindle, comprising:

a disk, operable to serve as a recording medium;

a housing of the disk cartridge rotatably housing the disk; and

the center core, fixed to the center of the disk; and

wherein the center core is of the type that is employed in a disk drive provided with the drive spindle, and

means for positioning the center core on the drive spindle upon chucking in a state where the center core is in point contact with the drive spindle at a minimum of three spots.